

POSSIBLE CHANGES TO REGULATIONS FOR SCUP

Change the minimum mesh size for trawls from 4 ½ inches to 5 inches for the harvest of scup. The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's (ASMFC) Summer Flounder, Scup and Black Sea Bass Fishery Management Plan requires a five inch minimum diamond mesh size for scup. Maryland regulations require a 4-1/2 inch minimum mesh size, which is out of compliance with ASMFC. This action is a housekeeping issue that will ensure compliance with the management plan.